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A Birthday Party.

Helen de Montmolin entertained a party of young people at her birthday party at her home on Monday evening in honor of her birthday. The color motif was green, carried out in decorations. A book contest was held and Elmer Stelts was the prize winner. Punch was served throughout the evening and cake. The guests were Willie Ginn, Pearl and Pansy, Lucille Rogers, Mary Louise, Helen Bruce, Dorothy Coe, Evelyn Barnett, Fannie and Jessie, Lillie Dougherty, Doris, Florence Crittenton, Katie, Mary McMillan, Esther Zart, Elaine Ray, Clarice Newton, Hattie, Walter Boyle, Fred Elmer Stelts, John Hearn, Roy, and Brandon Warren.

The Game at St. Augustine.

Yesterday's baseball game between the Palatka and St. Augustine teams at the Ancient City resulted in a defeat of the Palatka club by the close score of 1 to 0.

The winning run was not earned. Palatka will play the Daytona team next Thursday in this city.

Palatkans on the street last evening till after nine o'clock had a feeling that the home boys had lost, as there was an absence of news or hilarity.

A Free Course in Woman's College.

It is very possible that a short course of one week at the Florida State College for Women will be arranged by the cooperation of the Women's Clubs of the State through the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

This course will consist of one week's free tuition and board at the College, the only expense being the railroad fare both ways.

This course is open to any energetic enthusiastic woman in the county who must be in entire sympathy with the campaign now on for the production and conservation of food and elimination of waste. She should be willing on her return home to assist the county agent in every possible way.

There would be a wonderful week's program of food values, preparation of beans, peas, etc., meat substitutes, canning, marketing and storing food.

Any woman in Putnam County wishing to take advantage of this splendid opportunity will please make application to the President of Woman's Club, Palatka, Fla. She will receive applications at once and correspond with you.

A CARVING AFFRAY ON LEMON STREET

Last Monday Night Results in Death of One Principal

And Serious Wounding of Another—Death Due to Loss of Blood.

Joseph Howell and Henry Blackwell came together in front of the undertaking establishment of Mooney & Davis on Lemon street at 8:30 last Monday evening.

They were not in harmony, and a woman was the cause of their enmity. A woman who had been separated from her wife for some time, suspected that Blackwell was paying her unwelcome attention.

He saw Blackwell coming out of the Grand theater and made the attack. He first rapped Blackwell over the head with his cane, then drew his knife and slashed him. Blackwell backed away and drew his knife and slashed back. There was some elvish slashing according to spectators. Both were severely cut. When Howell was out he was taken into Haughton's drug store and a telephone message sent for a doctor. Two or three were tried before Dr. Miller was finally found. He was simply told that he was wanted right away. The nature of the deed was not made known. When Dr. Miller arrived Howell had exhausted his blood supply. He was placed in Dr. Miller's auto and taken to the doctor's office where his wounds were stitched. Dr. Miller said he would not have died had he received first aid attention and not allowed to bleed so much. Howell died about 11 o'clock same night.

Blackwell was assisted to the office of Dr. A. M. Steen; he too was suffering from loss of blood; this loss did not hit his constitution his danger. His chances of recovery are good. Dr. Steen made some twenty or thirty stitches in his anatomy. The man was game; he never whined once.

Dr. Steen says Dr. Miller would have saved Howell had he gotten to him in time and before he had lost all his blood.

Howell was a skidder at one of the Wilson camps, and has been in employ of that company for many years. His funeral occurred on Wednesday.

He was looking for Blackwell; about 8 o'clock he was at the court house asking for Sheriff Hagan. He told his troubles to Chief Livingston, then walked on down the street, where he met Blackwell coming out of the theater.

Blackwell is a young man, not above 40; he is in employ of Palatka Wooden Ware factory.

Mrs. Howell, who is separated from her husband, appears to be a leading cause. She is reported to have entertained Blackwell contrary to her husband's wishes.

Blackwell, who had been made aware of fact that "wine, women and song are the ruin of many a promising young man," appears to have been satisfied with simply cutting out the "singing."

One of the knife wounds in Blackwell's anatomy has penetrated his left lung from the back. He has seven or eight bad cuts. Howell's were severely as numerous, and fully as deep if not deeper.

Howell was the aggressor in the fight. Blackwell's actions had made him furious. He has several children, to whom he expressed the desire that what property he had should be divided.

Not often that Palatka witnesses these murderous affrays. This one happened when the first performance at the theater was over and the theater was being emptied. There was a crowd of women and children and only a few men present.

Sheriff Hagan and Deputy Fennell arrived on the scene too late to prevent and only in time to gather up the fragments.

Howell had the reputation of being a hot-headed man in his home and some time ago he and his wife divided their effects and separated. She maintains that he frequently threatened her with death and that his abuse made life unbearable.

There are two Blackwell brothers here; the one in this affair is the younger of the two. His mother died at his birth. The father followed soon after and for five years the little brothers were inmates of an orphan's home at Macon, Ga. Then they were adopted and after a year or two their foster father died. Since little boys they have made their own way in the world. They have borne good reputations here as far as can be found out. It is certain that Howell began the murderous assault. Blackwell was compelled to defend himself or go down. Blackwell is now 18 years of age.

Therein Lay Danger.

A new arrival at a certain boarding house was a man who had taken part in a famous Arctic exploration, and at dinner time he often regaled the other boarders with stories of his adventures.

"Yes," he said, after one particularly thrilling description, "we were slowly starving to death. Just when things were at the last gasp, one fellow had an idea; he cut up our boots and made soup of them, and—"

"Hush, hush," hissed all the other boarders, anxiously. "Don't let the landlady hear you."

PASTOR BONSTEEL'S RESIGNATION STICKS

Popular Baptist Pastor Will Not Reconsider Resignation.

Despite the popular movement in the First Baptist church to persuade Rev. R. L. Bonsteel to withdraw his resignation, which he tendered on Sunday July 29th, the pastor refuses to do so.

Mr. Bonsteel was in the city Saturday morning for a short time, when he was interviewed by several of the church deacons. To them he kindly, feelingly, but firmly declined to reconsider his resignation as pastor.

With this refusal in view a meeting of the church was held on Wednesday evening at the close of the prayer service, when the matter was laid before the church.

There was nothing to do but pass a motion to accept the resignation.

The board of deacons was instructed to draw up a resolution expressing the regret of the church on the severance of relations with their popular pastor. These resolutions will be presented possibly next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonsteel have been spending the week at Pablo Beach, but are expected home today or tomorrow. The pastor will conduct services as usual on Sunday, and will continue as pastor till the end of the present month.

It is known that he has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the church at Baxley, Ga., and that the church to which he has been called is a strong church, numerically and spiritually. A united church.

It is known that Mr. Bonsteel is pleased with Palatka and his work. His resignation is not known. It is not the call from Baxley that takes him.

It is suspected that lack of harmony in the local church is playing the principal part in bringing about this resignation. There are a few members—a very few—we are told, who still resent the acceptance of the resignation of former pastor P. Quintus Green. They were partisan friends of that good man and could not bring themselves to the point of accepting another as their spiritual advisor.

They decline to become reconciled to the new order. Mr. Bonsteel wants all or nothing. He wants harmony and united action. He hasn't quite had it, has an idea he can't get it, and so he has decided to quit.

Speaking as an outsider interested in the welfare of the church and as an admirer of the pastor, The News would say that it's too gosh dinged bad.

DETECTIVE HAGAN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

By Negro in Jacksonville Monday Night—Negro Killed.

Jacksonville Aug. 10, 12:50 a. m.—Detective Frank Hagan died a little after midnight as a result of wounds received at hands of negro desperado Monday night. He appeared to be resting easily yesterday, but began to sink during the night.

Sheriff P. M. Hagan left for Jacksonville on the 4:18 train this morning to arrange for the funeral.

Detective Frank Hagan of Jacksonville, a brother of Sheriff P. H. Hagan of this city, and who formerly was a police officer in Palatka, was seriously wounded while attempting to arrest a negro desperado in Jacksonville a little after nine o'clock last Monday night.

The negro, Emmet Washington was running amuck with a loaded pistol. He was drunk and ugly and earlier in the evening had deliberately shot an inoffensive negro named John Edwards, who died later in the county hospital. The police were looking for Washington, and Mr. Hagan was the man to find him. At the time Mr. Hagan discovered Washington he was in the act of holding up another negro and threatening him with his pistol. Mr. Hagan interfered to arrest Washington when he turned and shot Hagan in the abdomen a little below the navel. Hagan shot Washington after he was himself wounded, pumping five shots into the desperado, and killing him.

Mr. Hagan was taken to St. Luke's hospital where he received the best attention. His brother in this city was notified and went to Jacksonville on the early morning train Tuesday. He found the wounded man resting easily after the operation, but pronounced in a dangerous condition.

Tuesday night the hospital physicians reported Mr. Hagan as still resting easily as could be expected and believed that unless some complications arose he would recover. Two of the intestines were perforated by the bullet from the negro's revolver.

Frank Hagan has made a splendid record as an officer in Jacksonville and has been frequently promoted.

Sheriff Hagan is with his brother as much as possible, but as he is president of the conscription board in this county he has found it impossible to be with the wounded man as much as he would like.

All Palatka is deeply concerned in the welfare of Frank Hagan and are hopeful that his life will be spared.

PUTNAM'S CONSCRIPTION BOARD HAS STRENUOUS THREE DAYS' SESSION

Examining a Total of 184 Registrants For Military Service.

One German and One Chinese Alien Only in the Bunch—Board To Resume Examinations Next Tuesday.

The local conscript board, composed of Sheriff P. M. Hagan, County Clerk R. J. Hancock and County Physician H. A. Johnson, was in session all day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and during the hours from early morning to 5 p. m. the court house was a scene of constant activity.

The board had summoned a total of 247 registrants to appear on these days.

Of this number 184 reported, leaving 63 to be accounted for.

Of this number it is known that at least seven had already enlisted in some branch of the service since June.

Four others—W. A. Wells, O. C. Branch, H. J. Moore and H. M. Hendenmark—were transferred to another jurisdiction for examination.

Two—Joe Dun Ling, a Chinaman, and H. Holtman, a German—are aliens, and not subject to the draft.

Twenty-two were permanently rejected for physical disability, and six were temporarily rejected, but are to appear for re-examination if called in from three to 12 months as the individual case may call for.

Passed and Claimed Exemption.

Ober Edwards, John M. Hogg, A. E. Grass, Jesse A. W. Manning, Geo. Washington, Charley James, C. P. Cannon, Irving Bohannon, John F. Rogers, Henry C. Fort, William Smith, R. W. Wilson, John M. Cone, S. C. Gross, Isaac S. Geiger, William Cooper, Jesse Johnson, Chas. A. Bailey, E. D. Simms, W. A. Ellington, J. C. Calhoun, Carleton A. Bell, Jesse Swinton, Jr., Wm. H. Bullard, Geo. W. Berry, Walter Monroe, Charley Gibson, Ira E. Baird, John Knight, Henry H. Deas, Thos. Mitchell, F. Otis Reynolds, Gifford Etheredge, Loren Johns, Noel V. Nihoul, Charley C. Hodges, Franklin Chesser, Minard Bartley, Cornelius Robinson, David O'Neil, Edward Abraham, Norman O. Riles, Henry Young, John Goodman, Kirby C. Smith, Bert D. Case, Abe Ferrell, W. L. Hanks, N. J. Hancock, Ralph H. Phillips, Geo. H. Williams, Mark H. Shaw, Henry Willis, Willie M. Johnson, Enoch W. Carey, Wade Griffin, L. M. Nagle, Mark H. Tinsley, Ellis P. Tillis, Edward L. Minton, Leon O. Ridout, Handerson Wilson, Fred Gether, A. J. Rimek, Jas. A. Norton, Jim P. Gunter, Robert J. Squires, Martin L. Jones, Chas. Kupperbusch, Jr., E. M. Price, Rhett A. Tills, Arthur Cherry, Russell Allen, Pricel, H. Bell, William Wilson, Childe Glat, Fletcher Gass, Mose Shannon, Earl White, James Little, Geo. G. Lawrence, Wm. T. Green, Reppred Damps, Total—83

Passed and Made No Claim.

Here are the 74 men who passed the examination and made neither claim for exemption or discharge: Sam W. Gooden, Joe Gillard, Grover A. Ramey, Hearn Smith, Willie Russell, Jesse W. Knowles, Harry Clayton, Wm. J. Prevatt, Sidney Edwards, Emil S. Brubaker, John Green, Hilroy Slyke, Chas. D. Hooter, Jas. C. Knepton, Jas. A. Revela, Jas. A. Norton, Bernard J. Minton, James Mitchell, Jos. Goodwin, Davis W. Lane, Alex. Rigdon, Frank S. Chapman, Sylvester Ferson, Samuel Counts, Mose Smith, Wm. Alexander, Sherman Bivins, Governor Dixon, Wm. A. Mann, William Bryant, Edward A. Bachman, Riley J. Brown, Wm. McK. Purcell, John Hart, Emory M. Ferrell, Lee Sistrunk, Geo. W. Goethe, Alfred Graham, Ivory Hampton, Henry Wright, Tom Marsh, Oscar J. Resnant, Anthony Wagner, Frank V. Oliver, Emanuel Johnson, Total—74

With a total of 74 men secured from a total list of 171 examined, it is not unreasonable to expect that the board will secure the county's quota of 121 men from the first 350 names drawn, and this too, when it is believed that four-fifths of those claiming exemption will have their claims approved.

What the board will do concerning those who failed to report remains to be seen. Full instructions have not been received yet. However, it is cer-

tain that if any have deliberately skipped, the entire force of the United States secret service will be made aware and they can gamble that sooner or later—quite likely sooner—they will be brought into camp. To deliberately evade the board's order to report is desertion. Desertion is punishable with death. It is likely, however, that the majority of those failing to report are negroes who have failed to get their orders.

During the present week the board will pass on many of the claims for discharge and exemption. Those filing these claims have ten days under the law to present their affidavits.

Next Tuesday the board will resume the work of examination of cardholders. These will in the meantime receive their notices to appear.

The board has had a hard three days' work. It began its daily sessions early in the morning and continued through till after 11 p. m.

Assisting the board in clerical work were H. E. Merryday and Judge V. Walton. Dr. E. W. Warren was also present as re-examiner.

It is said that at least two white young men who were passed and filed no claim for discharge or exemption will contest their conscription before the district board on industrial grounds. One is the manager of an ice factory and one is employed in a Jacksonville factory. The opinion prevails that they have no cases. The young men themselves, are not going to fight their conscript. The contests will be made by parents or employer.

On another page of The News will be found the names of all Putnam county registrants who were not called up for examination this week, but who will be called next week in the order of their appearance on this list. The names of all who were examined during the present week have been cut out.

On Thursday afternoon, Herman Jameson, a Palatka negro, who had failed to get his notice, appeared before the board for examination; he was passed by the medical examiner, Dr. Johnson, and filed no claim for exemption. This makes 75 instead of 74 who have been accepted and who have filed no claim for exemption.

PALATKA'S PRIZE K. P. DEGREE TEAM

Will Leave in Special Car Today for Orlando.

The amplified first rank team of St. John's Lodge, K. of P., of this city has accepted the invitation of Welcome lodge in Orlando to confer the rank of page on a class of eighty candidates in Orlando tonight and will leave for that city in a special coach over the A. C. L. Ry at 11:30 today.

The Palatka Pythians, some 25 in number will be in charge of District Deputy Grand Chancellor J. E. Jeter. The team will return the following morning at 4:18.

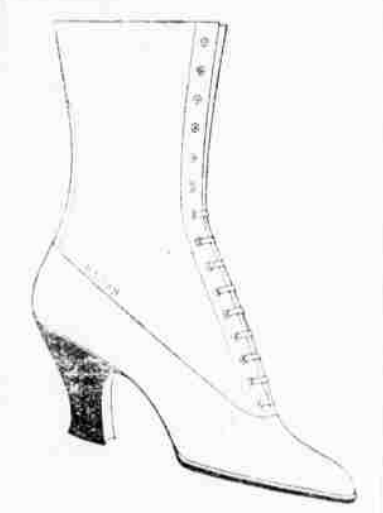
The rank team of St. John's Lodge was selected from among all the other teams in the grand domain of Florida to put on this initial work on the most prestigious class ever initiated in a Pythian lodge in this state. Grand Chancellor Yowell extended the invitation to the Palatka team, which fact the local Pythians considered a distinguished and much coveted honor. The ropes and other paraphernalia of the visiting team will be carried, and everything will be done and every essential provided for conferring the rank in the most beautiful and impressive manner possible. It is likely that hundreds of Pythians, including the members of Welcome lodge and visiting brothers will be present to witness the imposing and stupendous spectacle.

Grand Chancellor Yowell was in attendance about six weeks since when the peerless team of St. Johns lodge conferred the initial rank of the order, and so favorably impressed was he with the work he saw that the invitation to come to Orlando and do likewise followed soon after.

The following gentlemen will comprise the Palatka team: J. E. Jeter, Dr. A. M. Hedick, W. E. Wattles, F. D. Wattles, G. W. Lansing, M. B. Cochran, C. B. Marvin, J. R. Zetrouer, A. K. Hutchinson, S. S. Goethe, J. G. Spencer, E. E. Ramsey, J. L. Sawyer, J. H. Hickenlooper, N. O. Riles, E. L. Porter, W. C. Davis, J. E. Johnson, R. E. Neck, A. C. Deen, P. D. Collins, Guy B. Rankin, J. L. Dunsford.

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